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The Nebraska legislature has adjourned sine die.

Milwaukee people are dreading a water famine, owing to the clogging of the inlet pipes by ice.

Tax deadlock in the house of representatives at Springfield continues, and no business was done yesterday.

Two ballots for United States Senator were taken by the Michigan legislature yesterday without any result different from that of the day previous.

The river is falling at Cairo. The lower Mississippi is still rising, but it is believed at Memphis that the destruction will not be so great as has been generally feared.

Hos. William M. Smith, of Lexington, Ill., president of the railway and warehouse commission, whose health has been feeble for many months past, has suffered another relapse and but very little is now entertained of his recovery.

Senator Davis on yesterday formally notified the Senate that on the third of March he would resign the office of president of that body. There is the prospect of allowing the Senate to elect a president at its hold-over session, as provided by the constitution.

On February 24 the chambers of some 200 National banks in various parts of the country expired. Nearly all the banks first established west of the Mississippi river expired on that date, their charters having been renewed by special acts of the Congress, and will go on without delay under new charters. But with the same organization the others will do the same as soon as the expiration of their charters.

The Railway Commission. Gen. Hamilton yesterday notified the railway and warehouse commission, William W. Bennett of Chicago, Edward C. Lewis of La Salle county, and Charles T. Stratton of Jefferson county. The other applicants are now packing their suitcases and are on their way to their homes.

In the House at Springfield yesterday Morrison of Morgan made a speech on the subject of the existing deadlock, in the course of which he charged Haines of Lake with having made a "bitterly contemptible and cowardly statement, which he knew to be a falsehood." This remark of Morrison's created a profound sensation, and when Haines demanded that the language be taken down the Morgan statesman accommodated him by repeating it again. Haines made a very lame reply, and Jim Herrington came to his rescue in a few red-hot remarks, but no gore was spilled.

The following item of news comes by the way of Washington: "It is reported that ex-Congressman Lorenzo Brewster, who used to represent the Chicago North Side District, is about to become the Premier of a monarchy, turning his back upon the institutions of his adopted Republic. It is said that the King of Samoa, in the South Pacific Ocean, has made the tempting proposition, and desires to make Mr. Brewster a Prince and the Viceroy of his realm. He expects that the ex-Congressman shall reorganize the affairs of his barbaric kingdom, and form for him a civilized government. Whether Mr. Brewster will accept the offer of honor and abandon the attempt to conduct the old Chicago whisky-ring cases for a field of more lofty statesmanship, is not known."

The following bill, which has been passed by the Illinois senate and now goes to the house, is claimed to be one of the most important in the series of bills under consideration in the legislature for a reform of the criminal jurisprudence of this state. It provides:

That when a bill is made for a continuance in behalf of the people or defendant in a criminal case, on the ground of the absence of a material witness, the state attorney or the defendant, as the case may be, shall be obliged to admit the absolute truth of the matter set up in the affidavit for continuance, but only that such witness, if present, would testify as alleged in the affidavit; and if it is so admitted, no continuance shall be granted, but the case shall go to trial, and the party admitting the same shall be permitted to controvert the statement contained in such affidavit, and to cross-examine the witness, or to impeach such witness by the same as if he had testified in person; provided, that the court may in its discretion require the opposite party to admit the truth as alleged in the affidavit when, from the nature of the case, so may be of opinion that the ends of justice require it; provided, further, that this act shall not apply to applications for continuances at the same term of the court at which the indictment is found or information filed.

The object of this is to expedite the trials of indicted criminals, and of that will be the effect, the bill ought to become a law.

The Free-Delivery Service.

The Springfield Journal of yesterday has the following paragraph:

"Day before yesterday, orders have been issued by the Postoffice Department to establish the free-delivery service by letter-carriers in the office of Galusha, this state, and Hannibal, Mo., to come into effect on the 10th of April. At Decatur, in this state, though, about the same in population as the cities just named, and we believe entitled to the free-delivery service by virtue of the receipt of its office, no such action has been taken in this direction, though the establishment of a penny-post for the delivery of letters and packages by private enterprise, would seem to indicate that it is needed. Evidently Decatur is not living up to its privileges in this age of progress and development elsewhere."

The need of a free delivery in Decatur has never been felt until very recently, and consequently there has been no effort made to secure its advantages. Of late, however, no one who goes to the post office two or three times a day can have failed to observe the very remarkable increase in the crowds which frequent the office. The post office is by no means a small room, but it is often crowded to such a degree as to make it uncomfortable and inconvenient to reach the delivery windows. The letter carrier system would do much to relieve this, and would prove a great saving to people who live or do business at a distance from the office.

The law governing the matter of free delivery is as follows: Sec. 107—Letter carriers shall be employed for the delivery of mail matter as frequently as the public convenience may require on every place containing a population of not less than 2,000 within the corporate limits, and at post offices which produce revenue for the revenue of the government of not less than twenty thousand dollars.

An examination of this section of the law shows that Decatur could only have the free delivery system by virtue of the fact that the gross revenue of its post office are in excess of the minimum amount fixed for free delivery offices by the section quoted. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, the gross revenue of the Decatur office was \$27,734.44. A careful estimate shows that the net revenue of the office, after deducting all salaries and expenses, including what the carrier system would cost, is still in excess of \$20,000.

The following offices, which had less than \$20,000 gross revenue last year, have the free delivery system: Burlington, Vt., Camden, N. J., Covington, Ky., Easton, Pa., Hoboken, N. J., Jackson, Mich., Macon, Ga., Mansfield, O., Oswego, N. Y., Petersburg, Va., Potomac, Pa., Richmond, Ind., Salem, Mass., Zanesville, O. The two cities of Galusha and Hannibal, though having a greater population than Decatur, return a less amount of revenue to the Department, and have a less volume of post office business.

We understand that an effort will be made at once to have the free delivery system established in Decatur, and we trust it will be successful. We are certainly entitled to its benefits.

The Kansas Senate has seen fit to encourage prohibition by passing a bill making physiologists containing "special reference to the effect of acohol on the human system" text books in the public schools. Now it ought to introduce other text books with "special reference" to the effect of tight shoes on the human foot, pride, vainglory and hypocrisy on the human conscience, corsets on the human waist, red hair on the human temper, and laws which can not be enforced on the human respect for law. After the Kansas children have all split their heads it may be perceived, that the common schools are not the place for every "ology."

A Prolonged Fast Ends in Death.

Mrs. Hester A. Fryer, of Crozerville, Calhoun county, died last night, after a fast of fifty-two days. Her period of starvation was ended by her death last Monday. Yesterday she was buried. For two years the lady had been an invalid, and her illness Mrs. Fryer was a large woman, weighing about 250 pounds, and seemed to have a very strong constitution. About two years ago she began to be troubled with hysteria, and gradually became so ill that she was confined to the house.

She wasted away slowly, and finally became unable to take any food except milk and weak tea, upon which she subsisted for nearly a year. Her friends and the doctors watched the case with great solicitude, and the latter with great curiosity. One day, about two weeks ago, she for the first time in a year complained that she was really hungry, and asked for something to eat. Solid food was at first given to her, but this would not stay upon her stomach, and the old diet of tea and milk was resorted to, but this also was rejected. Her friends then discovered that her long fast had so completely worn out her stomach that she could not work, and every effort to feed her failed. Her husband and friends were compelled to watch her slowly but surely starve to death, without being able to help her. The physicians who attended her purpose to give a history of the case.

An Episcopal church congregation in Philadelphia supported a poor and worthy old woman, who appeared at the altar, and when she dropped off the other day it was found that she owned two houses and had \$10,000 in bank.

Specials by wire.

WATER - BOUND INHABITANTS.

The Improved Condition at Cairo.

The Ohio Between Caseyville, Ky., and Evansville, Ind.

Prediction that the Worst is Yet to Come at Helena, Arkansas.

The River Falling at Cairo.

Cairo, Ill., Feb. 28.—At last the fall of the water has begun, and a decline of a quarter of an inch up to six, may be recorded, the gauge reading 32 feet 10 inches, with every prospect of a very rapid decline for some time to come. 1893 has been the season of the year with the highest water mark in its history, which may be set down as appearing at noon on Monday, February 22, at 2 feet 2 inches. A thorough tour of the levees yesterday developed nothing additional to that already reported. The Mississippi side shows the water still 15 inches below the crest of the embankment, which is in need of repair. The Ohio side is protected by bulkheads at points where they are needed, and is in such a condition as not to cause any uneasiness. Cairo may be the proud of its record during this great freshet, and with the improvements inaugurated by the Illinois Central people in the track on the Ohio side, future floods must assume larger proportions than that now at hand to create even the excitement we have just passed through. The mercury got down to freezing point before last night, and a heavy coating of ice covered the levees under both government and private arrangements.

The Trouble at Helena.

HELENA, Ark., February 28.—Mr. Wise, of Jacksonville, Miss., is in the city and gives an account of the overflow upon the other side of the great river, which he says at this time extends as far as the District, from Helena seven miles. Though there is no serious damage yet, every farmer here has been ordered to evacuate his place, and the fear of their rupture has entirely subsided, and the people of the 'quitty' little town are once more sleeping soundly.

Over an Embankment.

QUINCY, Ill., February 28.—A team of horses, owned by a wagon owner and driven by Mr. Harter, on South Sixth street, went over an embankment during the heavy rain, and the driver was seriously injured. It is not known whether the driver was killed or not, but it is believed that he is recovering.

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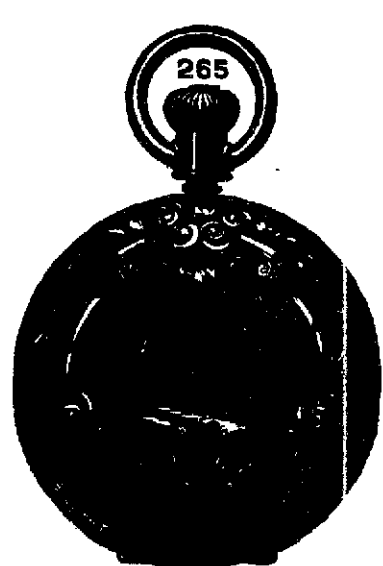
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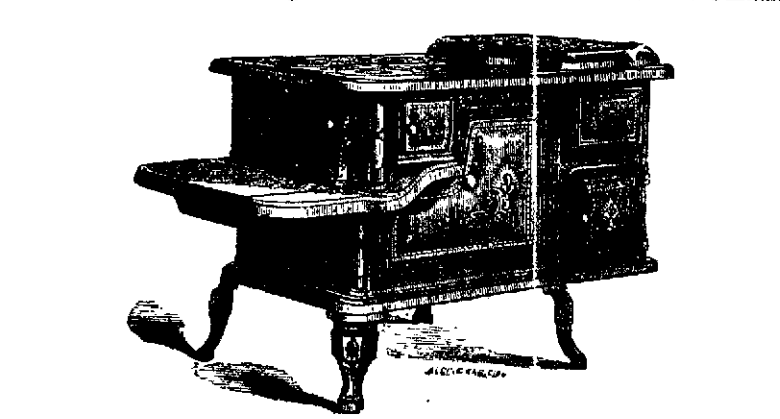
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Per week, payable to Cashier, \$5.00.
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WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 28, 1884.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are requested to announce CHARLES C. HATCH as a candidate for Township Collector at the ensuing April election.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

WALK in and see the Novelty Baby Carriages at
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s.

CALDWELL has the best hard coal in market. P. O. Block. 24dt

TUE Y. M. C. A. Bulletin is out.

THREE revival meetings to-night. Take your choice.

MOSES are now selling at 20 cents a dozen—a drop of 15 cents.

DECATUR should have the free delivery mail system. Postmaster Lytle has written to the department about the matter.

NOTICE those new and lovely French flowers displayed in the show case at Mrs. Einstein's store.

At Bloomington on Monday forenoon 100 reserved seat tickets for Minnie Hawk were sold at a dollar each within an hour. She will appear here to-morrow night.

SELECT choice family groceries at Niedermeyer's handy store on the mound.

WILSON Bros.' Shirts made to order at B. Stine's. 14dt

The temperance campaign will begin to-morrow night at the tabernacle. You are invited to attend.

ORDER Decatur coal, Nut or Lump of Caldwell, P. O. Block. 24dt

PARTIES having claims against the county are requested to file the same with Clerk Hardy at once, to avoid trouble and to save time. The county board will meet on Tuesday, March 6th.

ALWAYS fresh and home-made—Harry Miller's Caramels, Butter Scotch, double strength Horehound, &c. For sale by all first-class dealers. nov3-dtf

Did you hear the reliable harbingers of spring—the robins and blue birds—twittering this morning? Mr. Brewer, the baker, says he heard two flocks of wild geese flying over the city northward at 2 o'clock this morning, and that they made a big fuss. Verily, spring is close at hand.

TRAINER & TURPIN go to Niantic to-day to complete a big job of roofing. Their work is first class and speaks for itself.

Go to Dr. Thomas S. Hoskins to get your dental work done. Cor. Main and Water streets, Decatur, Ill. 24dt

"But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon," was the subject of Elder Goode, of Hartstown, who delivered the discourse at the Christian church last night. He was assisted in the services by Elder Tanney, of Clinton, and Elder Foster, of Blue Mound. There was a good-sized congregation present. Services again this afternoon and evening.

MARCH 10th is the last day for paying personal taxes. Poney up. Get your receipts.

See Stoolkey & Puniwell in opera block, for superior family groceries and fresh butter and eggs.

It is stated that Miss Lillian De Garmo, the droll and petite soubrette of The Playter's Wife company, will be married early next month to J. W. Simmons, of the same company.

MR. LINS, who is now in New York purchasing Spring Goods, is sending forward desirable goods for the present season. feb23-dtf

The Tom Weaver horse and buggy, valued at \$300, disposed of at a raffle at Keefe & Kraft's saloon, went to Joseph De Frates, of Springfield, who held No. 77. The winner is a brother of John De Frates, of this city. The drawing was witnessed by a large number of interested parties. The tickets were sold at \$2 each.

TAKE your broken wagons and buggies to D. F. Hamsher on Wood street, and he will repair them for you in first-class style at low figures.

A REVIVAL of religion is in progress at progress at the M. E. church at Macon under the supervision of Rev. W. A. Reynolds, the pastor. The meeting began Sunday last, and up to date 15 penitents have asked the prayers of the church. People of that place think a religious awakening has reached Macon.

ALL leading concert companies throughout the land use the Haines Bros. pianos, the same that are sold only in Decatur by C. B. Prescott. His parlor is in opera block.

THE claims against the Mrs. P. J. Drake stock of goods at Warrensburg now foot up about \$3,500. Four Decatur parties have claims against Mrs. Drake, but only one of them, John Ulrich, has caused an attachment to be served. A Cincinnati firm is said to have a claim claim for a considerable amount, and Truman Crissey is "stuck" for a bill of about \$200 for cigars and tobacco, we believe.

FOR solid comfort smoke Schroeder's celebrated Bohemian cigars. Sold by all first-class dealers in the city—a nickel each.

POPE & BROS., whose family grocery is in opera block, make a specialty of fine flour and fresh butter.

It was not Marshal Hewes, but Joseph Robinson, who broke the news of the Tucker suicide to his mother and sister yesterday morning. Mr. Robinson received the telegram from Litchfield at about 5 a. m.

The popular "Blower" hand made, clear Havana filter, five cent cigar, is made by Keck & Weigand, East Eldorado street, who also manufacture the famous "10-er" and "Keystone" cigars. feb20-dtf

The revival at the United Brethren church last night attracted another very large congregation. These meetings are growing in interest every night, and while much good work has been done by Rev. Trueblood, the pastor, and Rev. J. A. Young, of Elwin, greater results are confidently expected. Rev. Young delivered the principal exhortation last night, and as usual awakened considerable interest. There was a number of seekers at the altar and several conversions are reported. Revival services every night this week.

It's generally admitted that Joe Suter's "American Eagle" nickel cigars are hard to beat. Try one. d&w 2

The Tucker Suicide. The remains of Thomas Tucker, of whose self-destruction at Litchfield Tuesday morning mention was made in these columns last evening, were brought to the city last night in charge of Martin Connolly. The funeral took place from the family residence this afternoon. It appears that Thomas, who was the only son of Mrs. William Tucker, left Decatur for Litchfield on Friday last, taking with him \$35, but before leaving he gave his mother about \$12. At Litchfield he paid some debts he owed and in company with a number of young men he began drinking. During Monday he purchased a second-hand 38-calibre revolver, for which he paid \$25. At about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning, while in a Wabash caboose, with a brakeman named Glenn, he pulled out the revolver and placing the muzzle above his right ear he fired the bullet into his head, which caused his death in a few moments. Two letters had been written by the suicide addressed to a sister and a cousin, but their contents are unknown. It is believed that the act was the result of trouble between Mrs. Tucker and her husband, from whom she had been separated for a number of years. Until recently the suicide was an employe of the Wabash.

Fighting Whisky. We are informed by M. P. Murphy and Capt. Post that to-morrow evening at the tabernacle the temperance campaign in Decatur for 1883 will be inaugurated by Brother Jake Hoofstetter, of Sterling, who will be followed at intervals by ex-Gov. St. John, of Kansas, Hon. J. B. Finch, of Nebraska, Luther Benson, of Indianapolis, and Hon. G. W. Bain, of Kentucky, with orators of less notoriety in the war on whisky. It is expected and hoped that all friends of the cause will turn out in large numbers to-morrow night and make the first meeting a boomer.

Damage Suits. In the circuit court on yesterday two suits of damages were commenced against Charles C. Jokisch, of Virginia, Ill., both for seduction, and each for \$5,000. The complainants are Miss Sarah Eckhardt and her father, Henry Eckhardt, both of Blue Mound township, this county. Mr. Eckhardt is the owner of 360 acres of improved land near Boody, and the father of Jokisch is reported to be the owner of a farm worth \$10,000, located near Beardstown, Ill. A brother of the defendant married a sister of Sarah Eckhardt, so it will be seen that this case, unless it is compromised, will be hotly contested and cause many hearts to ache.

A Pastor's Study Invaded. While Rev. J. P. Dimmitt was in Danville participating in the anniversary exercises of the Kimber Methodist Church, some person or persons, without his knowledge or permission, entered his study, placing therein a new and beautiful couch, for which the parties connected with the transaction have his warmest thanks. Mr. Dimmitt says he is glad that he did not lock his study, and that he will not do so in future.

The License Question. The question of high license is one which is creating considerable discussion throughout the state at present, and is attracting more or less attention in Decatur, where the license is \$500 per year, and we have 23 saloons. There are low license and high license and no-license people among us, and as the next city election will be held on Tuesday, April 10th, six weeks hence, these different elements will talk more or less on the subject. In conversation with a local saloon-keeper the other day he remarked to a reporter: "I was in favor of a high license until a year or two ago, but now I am in favor of no license and of giving permission to sell liquor to any responsible party." The Springfield Journal of yesterday contained the following:

Danville, in this state, with a population less than one-half as large as that of Bloomington, has thirty-six saloons, while Bloomington has only thirty-three. But the saloon license in Bloomington is \$500 a year, while in Danville it is only \$240. In Springfield we have 150 saloons with a license of \$100 each. Does not this indicate that high license reduces the number of saloons and thoroughly militates against intemperance? How, then, can the friends of temperance in this state, the legislature—Republicans and Democrats—vote against a minimum high-license measure?

The new play entitled "The White Slave," in six acts and numerous tableaux, was presented at the opera house last night before a fair-sized audience by a company of excellent actors. The scenes are laid entirely in the south, and with a show of appropriate scenery the play would have given immense satisfaction. In a measure the fine acting of the company made up for lack of realistic scenery, and but few went away disappointed. The singing of the "Slaves" took well.

THE prospects are that Decatur will soon have the free-delivery mail system. We are entitled to this great convenience, as the office during the past year has done nearly \$28,000 worth of business—\$8,000 more than the law requires to give us the government mail carriers.

The second Quarterly Conference of the Decatur circuit will be held at Mt. Zion on Friday, March 2d. Rev. R. N. Davies, P. E., will preach at 11 a. m. and preside at the conference in the afternoon at 2 p. m.

DASHING Annie Pixley, supported by George C. Boniface and an excellent company, will appear here on Thursday evening, March 8, in her new play, "Zeru," or always popular "Missie."

THE father of Mrs. S. H. Whitlock, wife of the Methodist minister at Macon, died yesterday. Dr. Davies, in response to a telegram, went to Macon last evening to conduct the funeral to-day.

ELEVEN persons united with the M. E. church at Long Creek last Sabbath, making thirty-seven accessories resulting from the revival services.

Always—Time. Mrs. K. Einstein is now receiving the first new styles for spring, consisting of all the novelties. Among them the Jersey Lily, Rival, Warnick, Daisy, Tulip, Fishwife, Poke, The Lily, and other styles too numerous to mention. Please call and see our new goods. No. 28 East Main street. Feb. 27-dtf

For Sale. A fine yard, cheap. Inquire of Kaufman & Randolph. Feb. 27-dtf

Dr. H. E. FARWELL, Arlington Heights, Ill., says: "I am selling Brown's Iron Bitters fast. It is the most saleable goods in my store."

The Minnie Hawk and her selected concert company will appear at the opera house to-morrow evening. The entertainment will be a rare musical treat. A writer says that although Minnie Hawk's greatest success, her name and fame, have been earned principally on the operatic stage, and in almost every capital of the civilized world, she has but few rivals on the concert stage. She brings all her vivacity, her grace and personal charm to the concert stage, and invariably obtains there most flattering triumphs. Liszt, St. Saens, Delibes, Taubert and others frequently gave concerts with no other artist taking part in it than Minnie Hawk. In classical music as well as in ballads and songs she displays a genius for pleasing and captivating her audiences, as rare as it is enjoyable, and her characteristically graceful stage demeanor adds largely to the pleasure of her efforts. She has sung with all the leading musical societies of Europe, in Vienna, Berlin, Paris and London, obtaining most extraordinary success everywhere, and her appearance on the concert stage in New York, Boston and other American cities was waited with genuine pleasure. The Boston Herald remarks that at her appearance in concert in that city she made a greater impression than any other artist that has appeared in Boston for years. She has sung in the most difficult oratorios in "Messiah," "Creation," "The Four Seasons," etc. Hear the concert. Admission, 50, 75 and \$1.00.

The Boody Case. Owing to the continued illness of Justice Albert the case of Miss Sarah Eckhardt, of Boody, against Chas. C. Jokisch, of Virginia, Ill., charged with bastardy, was taken before Justice Lowry for an investigation. There was a cloud of witnesses for the defendant present from the vicinity of Boody, mostly young men. The complainant told her story of betrayal and swore positively that Charles was the father of the unborn child. She became acquainted with him in November, 1882. The prisoner made no defense. Justice Lowry placed Jokisch under bond of \$1200, and bail was at once given, and the prisoner allowed to depart. The complainant was too ill to remain long in the court room, and after giving her testimony and submitting to a close cross-examination by C. A. Ewing, she was excused.

A Barrel Apiece. "It may be news to you," said Burdette, the humorist, to a reporter the other day, "that I have become a total abstainer. I reduced the matter to figures and found out that to each man I allotted one barrel of whisky, and by close calculation I discovered that I drank one barrel and a half. In other words, I had drunk my own and half of some other man's barrel. I am too honest to rob anybody, especially of the whisky we get nowadays, and therefore have quit drinking whisky entirely." Wonder how many tipplers in this community have drunk more than their share of the ardent? If any of them have drunk a barrel, according to Bob Burdette's figuring, they should stop short and never drink again.

In Memoriam. F. PITT HARDY was born in Frances-town, N. H., on May 9, 1834. He came to Decatur about the year 1857, and was married to Miss Mary E. Elliott on Feb. 7, 1859. She died on Sept. 30, 1861. He was married again on Sept. 18, 1867, to Mrs. Maria A. Elliott. She died on April 20, 1871. On May 25, 1880, deceased was married the third time to Mrs. Louisa Ward. While in Decatur Mr. Hardy was at first engaged in the dry goods business and afterwards in the dairy business for a number of years. Eight years ago he moved from Decatur to Livingston, and while there he engaged in farming for three years, the balance of the time as traveling salesman for different firms. The cause of his death was a cancer, which made its appearance first on Sept. 1, 1892. He was confined to his bed from Jan. 1, 1893, confined to his bed from Feb. 18, 1893; he died Feb. 23, 1893, at 1:40 p. m. He passed away very quietly and with but little suffering. He was conscious up to within a few hours of his death. Harry E. Hardy, his only child, arrived home from Nebraska Thursday morning before his father's death; was at his bedside only about 35 hours before his death. He leaves a wife and an only son, and three step-children, two boys and one little girl. He leaves a brother in Norfolk, Nebraska, and three sisters living in Frances-town, N. H., to mourn the loss of a husband, brother and father, and a host of friends. He was interred in Greenwood cemetery, this city, on Feb. 24, 1893, services being conducted by the Christian church minister at Livingston, Rev. H. Y. Keller, after which the corpse was taken to the Midland depot for the 10:38 a. m. train for Decatur.

SOME of our people say that Minnie Hawk is the greatest singer that has ever appeared in Decatur, not even excepting Kollogg, Abbott or Litta. One thing is certain. Minnie Hawk has held higher positions in the musical world than any of the above-mentioned, having been prima donna with the greatest opera company ever organized in this country or Europe. She certainly is a great artist, for people in the larger cities flock to hear her and pay all the way from \$1.00 to \$4.00 for the opportunity. Mme. Minnie Hawk will appear here on Thursday evening in grand concert with a superior company at reasonable prices—50 and 75 cents; reserved seats, \$1.00.

Church Festival. The ladies of the African Methodist church will give a social and festival in the basement of the new church on Cemetery street on this (Wednesday) evening, and they invite all their colored and white friends to patronize them. The proceeds will be used toward purchasing pews for the new audience room. Patronize the festival.

RECENTLY a Decatur paper devoted a long article to a description of Alvin Joslin's "wonderful" diamonds. The Indianapolis Journal takes the wind out of the diamond story this way: "Charles L. Davis, 'Alvin Joslin,' travels on his style. He appeared at the Grand opera house Saturday night in a seal skin overcoat that must have cost \$11, and with diamond studs, sleeve buttons and watch chain that at the lowest market price are worth \$10,75."

You should get one of those handsome laprobes at J. W. Tyler's store, while they are going off at reduced prices.

OVERCOATS, Suits, Underwear, Hats, Caps, Trunks, &c., at extremely low prices to make room for our big Spring Stock. CHEAP CLOTHING

So great was the crowd at the Rev. Harrison revival meeting last night that standing room was again at a premium, and during the exercises the usual close attention was given to the movements of the young revivalist. He delivered a short exhortation and led the singing of the gospel hymns assisted by the choir. During the evening the seekers numbered over 50, and the conversions were so frequent that it was difficult to keep count. One of the converts, a man nearly fifty years of age, has been a member of the Universalist society for some time. Last night, after he experienced a change of heart, he declared it was the happiest day he had known in all his lifetime. There is no abatement in the interest in any of the various meetings. Services this afternoon and evening as usual. To-morrow will be the 14th week of the revival, with about 1400 conversions.

A Choice Programme. The programme for the Minnie Hawk concert, to be given at the opera house to-morrow night, is the finest ever offered to a Decatur audience. Mme. Hawk, in addition to selections from "Mignon" and "Lohengrin," will appear as Leonora in the famous Miserere scene from "Trovatore," and will also sing three numbers from a scene in "Carmen," to be given in costume. The character of Carmen is one that Mme. Hawk may be said to have created, and no prima donna has ever equaled her in this role. Mlle. Sali and Signor Montegriffo will render the well-known duet from "Trovatore," "Ai nostri monti"—a selection which, though familiar to all concert goers, never fails to please. The programme is an exceptionally fine one, and ought to call out every lover of music in the city.

A New Wrinkle. It is announced that a recent order from the headquarters of the P. D. & E. is to the effect that on and after Feb. 16, 1883, and the same date of each month thereafter until further notice, employees will be paid from the pay-car attached to the train No. 1. This will make it necessary that men be promptly on hand at the station when the train arrives and transact their business as rapidly as possible.

PERSONAL MENTION.

"Julie" Ehrman is at St. Joe, Mo., and may remain there in future.

Rev. H. F. Tandy, of Clinton, will occupy the pulpit at the Christian church this evening.

Justice Albert is suffering from neuralgia. He was unable to sleep during the whole of last night.

Bert J. Hardy and sister are home from Charleston where they had a delightful visit among friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Curtis have leased apartments in the C. C. Burroughs dwelling at the corner of Main and William streets, and took possession to-day.

Mrs. C. B. Smith, who has been in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Coltrin for five months, departed last evening for her home at Las Vegas, N. M.

Miss Katie Martin, accompanied by her sister, Ella, and Miss Mentz, of Monticello, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cassell. They are here shopping to-day and will return home to-night.

W. S. Nichols, the Illinois Central ticket agent, slipped and fell heavily upon a sidewalk yesterday and was severely stunned. He is confined to his home to-day.

Hon. Henry Raab, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was registered at the St. Nicholas last night. He departed this forenoon for Macon, in company with County Supt. Trainer.

Rev. C. E. Roberts and family have gone to Kansas to visit relatives. In consequence of the pastor's absence the meetings at the Baptist church were brought to a close on Sunday evening.

Hugh Cren, Esq., who has been confined to his home by illness for many days, is able to be up and around again, though he is very weak. He has returned from a business trip to Terre Haute.

S. M. Miller, general passenger and ticket agent of the P. D. & E. road, and Mr. Lee, a representative of the C. B. & Q. road, were in Decatur to-day, in conference with F. B. Caldwell, late of the Frisco Line.

James A. Miller has returned from Springfield, where he purchased the iron fence around the old state house, paying for the same over \$500. The fence will be torn down in a few weeks. Mr. Miller says a Decatur man has been awarded the contract for laying the stone flagging and curbing around the square.

H. C. Townsend, General Passenger Agent of the Wabash, has issued a handsome lithographed folder, printed in enamel inks, giving the time tables of the various sections composing the 3,463 miles of the Wabash system, and explicit instructions to travelers how to avail themselves of the short line between the East and West.

MR. J. LOD, 760 22d street, Chicago, Ill., says: "Brown's Iron Bitters is the best thing I ever used. Four bottles restored my strength."

MARRIED.

MR. WILLIAM MILLER and Miss MARY SWAIN, both of Macon, were married by Rev. G. B. Black on Thursday, Feb. 27, 1893. The parents of the groom gave a reception dinner to day (Wednesday) at their home, one mile south of Macon. Much joy be theirs.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

The Closing Quotations at W. W. Wilson's Commission Rooms, at 1 p. m. To-day.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.	
WHEAT—\$1.07 1/2 Mar; \$1.08 1/2 Apr; \$1.13 1/2 May; June —.	
—57 1/2 Mar; 57 1/2 Apr; 61 1/2 May; — June.	
OATS—41 1/2 Mar; 40 1/2 Apr; 42 1/2 May; — June.	
PORK—\$18.25 Mar; \$18.42 1/2 Apr; \$18.45 May.	
LARD—\$11.45 Mar; \$11.60 Apr; \$11.75 May.	
UNION STOCK YARDS.	
BUGS—Estimated receipts, 17,000; shipments, 4,200; heavy, 7.00; light, 6.50; mixed, 6.60; 7.00; heavy, 7.00; light, 6.50; mixed, 6.60.	
Receipts. Shipments. Car Lots.	
WHEAT..... 49,556 6,500 90	
CORN..... 44,117 4,338 91	
OATS..... 10,623 1,501 68	
RYE..... 17,163 — —	
TOLEDO, Feb. 28.	
WHEAT—\$1.13 1/2 Mar; \$1.16 Apr; \$1.17 1/2 May; \$1.13 1/2 July.	
CORN—38 Mar; — April; 42 May; — June.	

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2,500 "	4-4 BLEACHED COTTON, 4 cents.
2,500 "	good yard wide BLEACHED COTTON, 6 cents.
2,500 "	extra good yard wide BLEACHED COTTON, 7 cts.
2,500 "	4-4 FINE BLEACHED COTTON, 8 cents.
5,000 "	SEA ISLAND COTTON, 7 1/2 cents.
1,000 "	KENTUCKY JEANS, (worth 20c), 14 cents.
5,000 "	Desirable DRESS GOODS, (now in transit) worth 25 cents, will be sold at 15 cents.

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